

After 30 years working in Data Processing for Sonoma County Office of Education, I find the Bellsouth's request disconcerting on two counts. First, I fear without regulatory oversight the effect on the small ISPs. The ones that provided the best service before the large phone companies became organized. I know that without SONIC here in Santa Rosa, the interest in the Internet would not have exploded as it did. Second, I am concerned that of the inevitable cost effect to Schools if broadband is not under FCC preview.

Thank you.